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Letter dated 5 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

I have the honour to inform you of the position of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia with regard to the letter dated 20 October 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to the United Nations addressed to you (A/C.5/49/23).

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia would like to point out the fact that the funds referred to in the letter of Mr. Djokić are not the property of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), but are part of the assets of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and thereby of the five successor States of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. It is our view that the future status and distribution of all the assets and properties of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have to be agreed upon by the successor States themselves.

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia does not contest the status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) as one of the successors of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but that State cannot assume either the sole or automatic succession of the former common State. Therefore, my Government regards this attempt by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to assume sole control of the funds in question as illegal, and as such it must not be allowed.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 112.

(Signed) Denko MALESKI
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary